

This is the regular meeting of the Clinton Town Board held on this day in the Town Hall. Present were Supervisor Whitton, Councilmen Eliot Werner, Dean Michael, Chris Juliano and Katherine Mustello. Town Clerk Carol-Jean Mackin was also present. There were four people in the audience.

Supervisor Whitton called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVE MINUTES

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2022 Town Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2022 special Town Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2022 special Town Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022 special Town Board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the minutes of September 8, 2022 special Workshop meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

none

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS: Supervisor Whitton:

In previous comments I discussed that I would be introducing an expansion of our Senior Citizen Property Tax exemption. That is still the plan. Our state legislature passed, and the Governor signed legislation making it possible to expand our current senior exemption to an income limit of \$50,000 and below, with a sliding scale going up from there to about \$59,000. We have not yet been given any guidance about that sliding scale. Our tax assessor is going to a conference later this month, and we hope to have more clarity after that. Since this expanded exemption would take effect for next year's assessment roll, there is currently no urgency to passing it now. We want to make sure we have all of the details right, so that we only need to go through this process once. This expansion will be introduced in the coming months.

I would like to thank all of those that were involved with the planning and execution of our first Clinton Community Day in 16 years. It was a wonderful day of fun and camaraderie. We received many glowing compliments in the days following. Thanks to Hannaford Market for their donation of food. I would like to thank The Clinton Historical Society, The Friends Cemetery Association, The Upton Lake Christian School, and the East Clinton Fire District for

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allowing the use of their properties for vendors and parking. Additionally, I would especially like to thank the volunteers of the Clinton Community Day Committee, who gave so much of their time and talents to make it a successful event. We are having a wrap up meeting on September 29th. If you have any constructive criticism that you would like to share, please send an email to Townsupervisor@townofclinton.com.

TOWN BOARD REPORTS: Town Board reports are posted on the web:

Townofclinton.com, including: PLANNING BOARD, ZBA, CAC, CLIMATE SMART TASK FORCE, RECREATION, BUILDING INSPECTOR, ZONING ADMINISTRATOR, HIGHWAY, SCENIC AND HISTORIC ROADS, LIBRARY, ALTICE, ZONING REVISION, CEMETERIES, PROPOSED TRANSMISSION LINES, OTHER (QUARTERLY: WIC, SAFETY)

Eliot Werner- reviewed aloud from the minutes of the PB and ZBA citing the number of various applications received, the details are in the minutes, which are on the web. Specifically noted that the ZBA made a decision regarding Cornerstone; the resolution had two aspects: ruled the increase in bed capacity to 99 is an impermissible intensification and enlargement of their preexisting, non-conforming use, and secondly offering detox services to their patients did not intensify nor change the non-conforming use. The application is on hold for the moment until its determined where to go from here.

Dean Michael– Zoning Revision, working on definitions, any input contact Dean or come to the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. ARPA update – Juliano

Councilman Juliano explained he and the Rec Director Dan Harkenrider have been working on getting cameras in the parks.

MM Councilman Juliano, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves using \$3000 in ARPA funds to purchase Security Cameras at Fran Mark Park. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approve rejecting the bid for Library Ramp DASNY grant – Whitton

We recently went out to bid for the addition of an accessibility ramp on the front of the library. We had about \$96,000 available in remaining grant funding for this ramp. We were told that this would be plenty, but unfortunately supply chains and inflation had other ideas. We received one bid back, at \$186,000. I would like to reject this bid, and try again after the new year for a spring installation.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board rejects the bid received for the Library Ramp Project funded by DASNY grant funds due to its cost exceeding the grant amount. We will speak to our Town Engineer to rebid this in the spring as we have three years to spend the grant money. All aye. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve Resolution to return escrow – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 35 of 2022 authorizing the return of unused escrow funds to Donise English.** All aye. Motion carried.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 36 of 2022 authorizing the return of unused escrow to funds Clint Kershaw.** All aye. Motion carried.

2. Discuss/Approve Snow and Ice Control Agreement – Whitton

Councilman Whitton explained that we do not have the final agreement, Highway Superintendent Martin is working with County DPW Superintendent Gary Cooper to negotiate a better price for snowplowing the county roads due to our increased costs of gas, inflation and a new Highway contract. The Snow and Ice Control contract needs to be approved by the end of the month.

3. Approve Resolution to Expend Recreation Trust funds for CDBG project – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 37 of 2022 a resolution authorizing the Town Supervisor to expend an amount not to exceed thirty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$30,000.00) from the capital projects fund a/k/a recreation trust fund, account no. TA335, subject to permissive referendum, for the purpose of funding certain improvements at Friends Park.** All aye. Motion carried.

4. Approve 284 Agreement - Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 38 of 2022, the 284 Agreement, dated September 13, 2022.** All aye. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Welsh Sanitation Contract – Whitton

Supervisor Whitton received a letter last week from Welsh Sanitation. As of January 1st. they will no longer be able to provide staff to facilitate the weekly transfer station. They have offered to allow us to rent the containers, and the pay a transport and disposal fee. We would have to provide staff for the transfer station, and we could charge the residents for the service. Carol Mackin did some research for us and discovered that the Stanford transfer has been operating in this manner. It costs 65k/year for the container rental,

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transport, and disposal of trash. They spend \$36k on employees to work the station for a half day on Wednesdays and a full day on Saturdays. They have a \$10 sticker fee, and charge a per bag fee, bringing in \$80k. This results in an operating deficit of about 21k/year. We need to decide what course we would like to take. We could abandon the transfer station. We can go out to bid for a possible cheaper alternative. We could stick with Welsh and operate at a deficit, or try to charge enough money to break even. I think that will be difficult. Chris Juliano suggests seeing if other sanitation companies will submit a bid; at one point he discussed with Welsh to charge less for home pick up for Town residents, which they declined to consider. Katherine Mustello said that too many people use it to allow it to go away. Dean suggests talking to Recycle Depot for recycling which would be free and have a dumpster for garbage and have them come and pick it up weekly. Mike will call other vendors to get quotes. Katherine suggests seeing when its most busy if we want to cut the hours we can open when most are there. The metal recycling bin will continue to be available; it is separate from Welsh Sanitation.

6. Approve introducing tax cap override LL – Whitton

We pass this LL every year to prepare for the possibility of needing to go over the tax cap. The last few years, we have stayed under it. This year, with inflation putting a big crimp on our budget, along with everyone else, I suspect we will need to exceed the tax cap. As you saw earlier with the Library Ramp, costs have almost doubled in some areas of the budget. The cost of fuel alone has caused some chaos in our highway budget. So, we need to pass this, and then work as hard as we can to minimize costs during our budget process.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 39 of 2022 “A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit for Fiscal Year 2023” and that a public hearing be at the Clinton Town Hall on October 11, 2022, at 6:25 o’clock p.m.** All aye. Motion carried.

OTHER ITEMS

1. Resignations and appointments

Resignations:

None.

Appointments:

Liaison to Human Rights Commission

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the appointment of Eliot Werner as liaison to the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission effective September 13, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

Samantha Campbell as Substitute Clerk

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner that the Town Board approves the appointment of Samantha Campbell as Substitute Clerk effective September 6, 2022 at a rate of pay of \$15.30 per hour for up to five hours per week. All aye. Motion carried.

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Tim Horton as Cemetery Groundskeeper

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the appointment of Tim Horton as seasonal Cemetery Groundskeeper from September 6, 2022 to October 31, 2022 at a rate of pay of \$15.30 per hour for up to 32 hours per week. All aye. Motion carried.

Billie West at PT Building clerk

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Juliano that the Town Board approves the appointment of Billie West as PT Building Clerk at a rate of pay of \$21.00 per hour for 20 hours per week effective September 13, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Warrants - Michael

MM Councilman Michael, 2nd Councilman Juliano to approve the following resolution BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves:
the September General Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 409 through 456 totaling \$87,835.22
the September Highway Fund Warrant, vouchers numbered 198 through 220, totaling \$244,163.30. All aye. Motion carried.

3. Motion to Move Funds – Whitton

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board approves the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board approves **Resolution No. 40 of 2022 a motion to move funds at the September 13, 2022 Town Board meeting.** All aye. Motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Werner to approve the Supervisor's Report for August, 2022. All aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to open the meeting to public discussion. All aye. Motion carried.

Liz Gilio - trustee of the Library, Community Day was a success and also for the Library. Thanked everyone for the work. The 414 is on the ballot in November. As a new resident, the Library was her second home. Now 14 years later, she does classes and lunch and learn, community concerts. The Library would like to continue to operate at their current level, they invite the community in to the Library to see what they offer. They are asking for an increase of 17 dollars per year per average household.

Todd Martin – Community Day was a success, we had hundreds of compliments. A record number - 250 people registered at the Historical Society. On Sept 29th at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall there is a recap meeting. The Highway dept. has a 2001 pick up truck with 200,000 miles that needs work estimated at \$8000 – \$12,000. It's the truck used for

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Rec/highway/cemeteries. Romeo Ford has a basic F-250 truck with a universal plow on hold for \$50,000. If the current truck goes down we will be down a truck for winter that is used for intersections, parks, cemeteries and Town Hall. He has in his budget \$25,000 plus \$10,000 for the sale of our truck. The town needs to come up with the balance to make the purchase. Mike Whitton has discussed this with Todd and thinks we can find the balance to make the purchase with this year's budget. Regarding Welsh Sanitation: Wants the transfer station off the Town Hall complex. They drop nails and screws and tires are getting flat. They spent \$1700 in tires in the last month. He wants to see it moved to the land south of the Rec Park, which he said was initially earmarked for a transfer station. It was suggested that we need a flyer to identify what items can be trashed. He added the garbage truck is leaking hydraulic fluid and ruining our macadam. It's a mess and a liability. Katherine asked how much money will it take to make that property by the Rec accessible. Todd said there is a driveway there and there are grants to make it acceptable to be a transfer station; Katherine wants to see an estimated cost to develop the property. Todd also suggests using the highway crew to man the transfer station as part of their work schedule, saying other Towns do this. Mike is concerned about leaks down by the Rec Park leaking into the Wappingers Creek and wants to look at all the options. Dean suggests a dumpster; not to have the truck there to eliminate the fluid leaks. Todd also asks for Tim Horton to work longer than Oct 31. Andy and Tim work well together and they have a list of projects they want to accomplish. Mike Whitton will talk privately with Todd about that.

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael to return to the regular order of business. All aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

MM Supervisor Whitton, 2nd Councilman Michael that the Town Board adjourns the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM. All aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol-Jean Mackin,
Town Clerk